

MINUTES – KOPPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
August 19, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Koppel Fire Hall

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor – Athena Pangikas-Miller
President – Tom Sobona
Vice President – Jeff Dengler
Anna Marie Plavecsky
Brett Plavecsky
Susan Krawchyk
Rich Serge
Suzanne Broge

Joe Budicak – Solicitor

Police - Sergeant Squicquero

GUESTS PRESENT

Dave Plavecsky, Michael Peters, Nick Magliocca, James Catanzaro

MOTIONS

- A motion was made to accept the July 15th and August 5th Council Meeting minutes. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund. All in favor and all approved.
- No bills were turned in from the Fire Department.
- A motion was made to amend the agenda to accept Justin Warren's resignation. All in favor and all approved.
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- A motion was made to confirm the date of October 31 for Trick or Treat. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made for an executive session to discuss personnel matters. All in favor and all approved.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

- Sergeant Squicquero discussed a property on 4th Avenue that has three vehicles at the property. He had one of them towed and a towing company will tow the other two. The property is going up for sheriff's sale.
- A property on 3rd Avenue is an ongoing issue and the animals from that property are still a problem.
- Councilwoman Krawchyk asked if there was any follow up on the properties discussed at the last council meeting (Big Beaver Blvd and 1st Avenue). Chief Warren had been working on these and Sergeant Squicquero said nothing had been done since the Chief left.
- Discussed unpaid garbage bills and how to handle them going forward. Will discuss options with our solicitor.
- Garbage cans must be supplied by each landlord to their tenants. The landlord/garbage ordinance will be reviewed to see how to proceed with making sure cans are provided.

POLICE REPORT

- A police report was handed out.
- AT&T First Net presented information about their service. This would be for the police cell phones. 90% of the this service is being used for police, emergency management, sheriff's department, and detectives. The advantage of this service is they use a different bandwidth. A proposal will be given to council to decide.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Fire Relief Audit went fairly well. Some of the issues were in years 22 and 23, records were not being kept. Had to pay them \$1200 due to sales tax issues. More info to follow.

SOLICITOR REPORT

- No report

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mission Co and Victory Church held a Back to School Event on August 23rd. Backpacks with school supplies were given out.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

- We were unable to bring the leaf vac back from Indiana. A quote for the delivery will be sent from the company.
- Maintenance supervisor, Jim Krawchyk and councilman Plavecsky did a pothole blitz. They got the majority of them done, but there are still some left to do.
- The snow plow is in service getting it ready for winter.
- There is an issue that the maintenance bay was being used – that space is only to be used by maintenance.

ENGINEER REPORT

- Councilwoman Plavecsky contacted our Engineers to get a firm date for the start of the rest of construction at the park.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Discussed the date for Trick or Treat. Proposed date is Friday, October 31th, from 6-8 pm.
- Dodge charger is going to Richner's to have the fender painted at no cost.
- Advertising for bids for the DGLVR grant has been done.
- Discussed the need for a code enforcer.
- Discussed adding \$20,000 to next year's budget for additional park amenities.
- Donation letters were sent out for contributions towards body cams for police officers.
- Discussed the purchase of Microsoft and Word for the police department.
- Discussed setting up a time for an interview for a part-time police officer.

Move to Executive Session – 7:36

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28 pm